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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Responsive to the Official Action mailed on November 14, 2002 for the above-captioned application, please make the following amendments:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

D1 3. An assay device according to claim 9, wherein said first specific binding agent is a murine antibody.

D2 6. An assay device according to claim 2, wherein the particulate direct label comprises a first coloured latex particles of diameter less than 0.5 micron, co-sensitised with an anti-hCG murine monoclonal antibody and with rabbit IgG.

7. An assay device according to claim 6, additionally comprising a second coloured latex particles of the same colour as the first coloured latex particles and of diameter less than 0.5 micron sensitised solely with rabbit IgG, the ratio of said first particles to said second particles